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STAT	Chief, Physical Security Division, OS
STAT	FROM:  Acting Deputy Legislative Counsel
STAT	SUBJECT:  Briefcase/Package Inspection
	REFERENCE: Your memo, dated 27 April 1978, same subject
STAT	l. Office of Legislative Counsel, advises that, in the incident described in reference, he had been requested, as a last minute substitute, to carry the briefcase to Capitol Hill. The case had been packed the evening before by another OLC officer, who had been unable to deliver it the following morning.
STAT	2. The material was being delivered in response to an emergency request from Congress, received around 8:00 p.m. the evening before.  was required to pick up the briefcase at 6:45 a.m. the following morning for delivery. He was not specifically aware of the contents of the briefcase, nor was he aware that the material therein had not been properly wrapped.
STAT	3. The above facts are considered relevant to this case. Because of the exceptional time requirements and the resulting lack of knowledge on the part of regarding the contents of the briefcase, there must be some doubt of his culpability in this affair. Your consideration of these facts is appreciated.
	SIGNED
STAT	cc: AO/DCI
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